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TAGS: PHEL, AF, PA, UN, UN

SUBJECT: UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PRESS CONFERENCE:

AFGHANISTAN

1. (U) DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 11, UN

SECRETARY-GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR MADE THE FOLLOWING

COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON AFGHANISTAN:

Q: A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND SOME VERY

GOOD POINTS -- AND SOME NOT SO HELPFUL -- ABOUT THE

PERSPECTIVES FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE AFGHANISTAN QUESTION.

WHAT IS YOUR FEELING ON THIS QUESTION? WHAT ARE THE

STEPS THAT YOU ARE TAKING? WOULD THEY LEAD TO A

RESUMPTION OF THE LEGAL (SIC) PROCESS?

A: I THINK THE UNITED NATIONS IS QUITE SATISFIED WITH

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WHAT IT HAS ACHIEVED SO FAR ON THE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM

WHICH ARE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION. BUT AS YOU KNOW VERY

WELL, THERE IS ANOTHER ASPECT TO THE PROBLEM -- THAT OF

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION -- IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS

MUST NOT INTERFERE. THAT IS SOMETHING FOR THE AFGHAN  
PEOPLE TO RESOLVE BY THEMSELVES. AT THE SAME TIME, OF  
COURSE, THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT. BUT I CAN  
ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE NOT DISCOURAGED AND WILL CONTINUE  
OUR EFFORTS. INDEED, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT MY PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE WILL VISIT THE AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. (C) COMMENT. THE SYG'S STATEMENT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL CORLOVEZ WILL BE  
ON THE MOVE AGAIN. CORLOVEZ TOLD AMBASSADOR CRON JUNE 10  
THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN IN  
JULY. HE SAID PAKISTAN WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE HIM BUT

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